

Maine Newborn Hearing Program Advisory Board

Date: March 10, 2010
12:00 to 4:00

Members Present: Annette Bowman, Carrie Chojnowski, Cindy Brown, Harriet Gray, Jennifer Libby, Karen Harrison, Karen Hopkins, Karen Perry, Kristen Shorey, Lisa Sockabasin, Louise Packness, and Romy Spitz

Guests: Lynn Schardel and Dr. Steven Meister

Members Absent: Eileen Peterson and Matt Hearst

Meeting Chaired by: Cindy Brown

Program Staff: Betsy Glencross, Ana Scovil, Vivian Mikhail, and Deb Riddell

Moderator: Betsy Glencross

Scribe: Ana Scovil

I. Approval of minutes from December 04, 2009, accepted.

II. Update contact information with Ana if there has been any change with your name, address on vendor form, mailing preference address, e-mail, and phone.

III. Program Updates

- MNHP Update: Betsy Glencross
 - Follow-up Coordinator, Deb Riddell was hired and started in January.
 - Screening for home births:
 - Northern Sun in Topsham began newborn hearing screening at the end of February.
 - We hope to purchase a new portable screener for an additional midwifery practice.
 - National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality (NICHQ) team attended the last learning collaborative in January.
 - Eastern Maine Medical Center Neonatal Intensive Care Unit has spread this project to their newborn nursery department and will be working with Maine Coast Memorial Hospital to continue moving the work to other facilities Statewide. It is our intent for all hearing screening facilities to do this same process.
 - There is national interest in this project as Maine is the first to track this data to this level.
 - The formal NICHQ project ends in June.
 - EHDI conference was in Chicago and nine people attended from Maine. Three ChildLINK staff, Deb Riddell, Gail Donahue, Karen Hopkins, Toni Wall and Betsy Glencross.
 - An EHDI State Action Plan was developed (copy included in meeting packet)
 - New CDC reporting procedures- there will be changes in some required reported data as well as some levels of data currently reported on the audiology report form. We will need to make changes to our database to meet these new requirements as well as making some changes to the audiology reporting form.
 - MNHP 2009 Legislative Report Final was included in meeting packet.
- Audiology Update: Betsy Glencross

- The MNHP's 2010 Audiology Conference will be held June 18, at Augusta Civic Center with key speaker Steven D. Smith, Au.D from ENT Associates of Alabama. Topic: Diagnostic Test Methods. Save the Date flyers have gone out.
- Rural Audiology: Bethany Galligher and Betsy will be meeting with Lisa Sockabasin, on March 19th to discuss rural audiology services.
- Bethany will be working with a team on mentoring Maine audiologists to provide pediatric services.
- Pediatric Audiology Guidelines are waiting for final updates and approval.
- Follow-Up Coordinator: Deb Riddell
 - Started full time with MNHP end of Jan 2010. She is getting orientation and training on programs & services
 - Working on the following projects
 - Audiology Conference in June
 - Early Intervention Conference in October.
 - Education materials including script for screening facilities & updating *A Parent's Guide for Infants & Children with Hearing Loss*
- Parent Consultant: Vivian Mikhail
 - NICHQ- working as Parent partner on the team. Very involved with developing materials in conjunction with the EMMC NICU Parent Advisory Group.
 - Meeting regularly with Betsy and Deb

IV. Betsy Glencross gave a presentation:

“Maine Newborn Hearing Program -A review of the past decade and looking forward to the next ten years!” The PowerPoint presentation handouts were included in the meeting packet.

V. Dr. Steven Meister gave a presentation:

“Patient-Centered Medical Home---What is happening in Maine and how it relates to MNHP”

VI. Subcommittee Reports:

- Membership: There are four vacant positions: Parent of a Child who is culturally Deaf, Physician, Culturally Deaf Person, and Nurse.
 - We need to fill these positions soon in order to get approval from the Governor before the end of his term.
- Specialty Provider- Romy Spitz is researching for a host for the Specialty Provider Database.
- Education- Louise Packness, Carrie Chojnowski, and Romy Spitz attempted to develop a group for speech language therapists, etc, working with young children. Group did not have attendees therefore they are starting a listserv, and putting out a few articles and beginning a statewide discussion.

VI. New Agenda Items

- **Establish Advisory Board Goals for 2010**
 - Educate ourselves about rural/under-served populations in Maine
 - Lisa Sockabasin will give a presentation on Class Standards to the Board in June
 - Update/learn more about current technologies

- Tara Thomas will be asked to give a presentation on Social Media at the June meeting
- Eileen Peterson will be asked to give a presentation on FM systems and other amplification technologies at one of the board meetings this year.
- Improvements to Early Intervention reporting/knowing what is happening to those children diagnosed with hearing loss. Explore what can be done to improve the CDS/MNHP reporting processes.
- Communication/Public Relations
 - Board brainstormed on ideas for PR related to MNHP as well as the MNHP 10th anniversary including media coverage, Blaine House tea and Public Service Announcements.
- Learn about the “Primary Service Provider” module being used by CDS.

VII. Networking/Sharing Info

- Matt Hearst shared via E-mail: HOPE workshop on April 16th, at The Charles A. Dana Health Education Center, Maine Medical Center, Portland. “Facilitating Spoken Language Development for Young Children with Hearing Loss.”
- Early Intervention Conference- October 15th at the Senator in Augusta. Providers of Early Intervention for children with hearing loss as well as other interested parties will be invited. The key speaker is Marilyn Sass-Lehrer from Gallaudet University.

VIII. Plan for upcoming meetings

- **Friday, June 11th**
 - Presentation by Lisa Sockabasin on Class Standards
 - Presentation by Tara Thomas on Social Media
- **Wednesday, September 15th**
 - Invite Dora Mills and Brenda Harvey to talk about MNHP 10TH anniversary
- **Friday, December 3rd**
 - Invite Gail Donahue to give presentation on Primary Service Provider module.
 - Invite Eileen Peterson to present on applicable technology for children with hearing loss.